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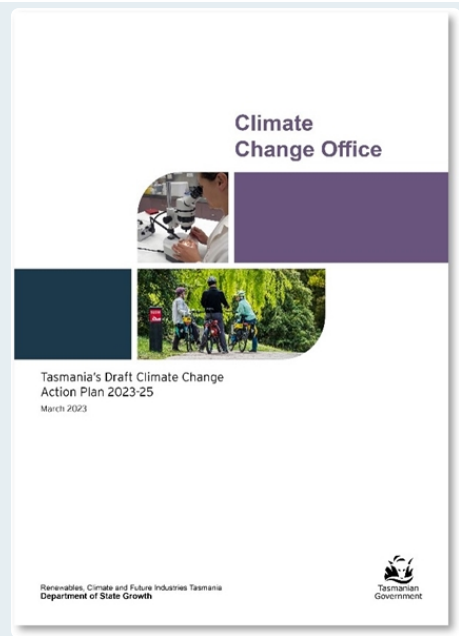
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Do you agree with the vision in the draft action plan, or do you think there is anything important missing?

Our vision is that by 2030 we will have reduced our emissions and built our resilience to the impacts of climate change.



The vision is not broad enough. As a state we expect population growth as well as economic growth. You can not expect these things to happen and for emissions to remain the same or reduce from current levels. As the population and the economy grows the emissions will naturally increase. What is required is a plan to mitigate these emissions and forward plan for positive growth. The climate is cyclic and always changing, we should be focused on plans towards reducing pollution and balancing renewable energy with nuclear and fossil fuel energy sources.

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Do you agree with the three priority areas in the draft action plan, or do you think there is anything important missing?

Our priorities for climate change are to:

- 1) Improve information and knowledge about climate change in Tasmania
- 2) Support transition and innovation to reduce emissions
- 3) Build adaptation and resilience.

I do not agree.

Priorities should be:

- 1) Balance renewable energy with existing fossil fuel energy sources. Invest in nuclear energy. Make electricity cheaper for people to use. Invest in access to Gas for homes and business.
- 2) Invest in housing (upgrade) existing homes in Tasmania to be energy efficient.
- 3) Support transition to renewable energy sources (where appropriate)
- 4) Invest in pollution mitigation (land & water)

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Can you think of any actions that are missing from Priority Area 1? How can we make sure the information we make about climate change is suitable for children and young people?



Priority Area 1 is about improving Tasmania's information about climate change.

Key actions include:

- improving the information we provide to businesses and the community,
- providing money for research
- developing climate change resources for schools.

Energy companies and councils already communicate effectively to community and business about ways to save energy use.

Schools do not need more resources about climate change.

There is too much time focusing on climate change which becomes a source of anxiety for children and young people about the future. The curriculum is already too cluttered. If more time was given back to fundamental learning (numeracy, literacy and pure science) then we would have more students developing higher skills. Schools need more time to allow students to develop their imagination. These students will then graduate high school and enter tertiary education with higher skills (as per peers overseas) and be the next generation of inventors, scientists and entrepreneurs which will develop new ways to improve our planet.

There is enough main stream media, social media and community information on "climate change" that schools don't need to spend more time discussing it.

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How do you think we should help businesses and communities to reduce their emissions?

Priority Area 2 is about reducing Tasmania's emissions.

Examples of projects could include:

- supporting research to find new ways to reduce emissions
- funding programs to support businesses and communities to reduce their emissions (such as installing electric vehicle chargers, introducing electric buses, energy efficient appliances in homes or improved waste management)
- providing information to the community
- changing the law to make it easier for businesses and homes to use new technologies.



The above projects in priority area 2 are all good. Additional would be to change the current federal laws to allow nuclear energy to be allowed in Australia.

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How do you think we should help businesses and communities to prepare for the impacts of climate change?



Priority Area 3 is about making sure Tasmania is prepared for the impacts of climate change.

Examples of projects could include:

- working with local government to plan for climate change
- working with Tasmanian Aboriginal communities (for example, Aboriginal cultural burning to reduce bushfire risks)
- helping protect vulnerable populations from extreme weather events like heatwaves, bushfires and floods
- supporting businesses to plan for natural disasters

Local government should work alongside indigenous communities to embrace traditional ways of bush management (fire mitigation techniques).

Local government need to manage tighter restrictions on current and future housing with distance to bush. Currently there are high numbers of people living in the bush or very close to bush land. Houses which exist in these areas need help and investment from government for installing bush fire fighting systems to protect their homes. If this is not possible due to expense, then allow people to remove trees and vegetation (which is otherwise protected by council) from around their home (exclusion zone).

State government should provide financial support to existing houses to replace solid fuel heating to renewable or gas heating. This will reduce air pollution across the state.

State government should provide financial support to existing houses to improve insulation to avoid heatwave and extreme cold events.

State government should provide financial support to existing housing (low social economic) to repair existing roofs and gutters for high rain (flood) events.

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How can we make sure Tasmanians (especially children and young people) can access information about climate change and hear about opportunities to provide feedback on our action to address climate change?

We will:

- provide regular updates through our website, newsletter and social media (Facebook)
- monitor the progress of all projects in the action plan
- prepare annual reports on Tasmania's greenhouse gas emissions and action on climate change

The ways to communicate information listed above are fine.

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Do you have any other questions or comments?

Transparency is the most importance factor. The area of "climate change" is diverse and conflicting in facts. The "science" can be manipulated in any direction depending on the variables. The focus should not be on "climate change" but on how to change our actions, as humans, on how we treat our planet. Humans pollute our planet in many, many ways.

Our focus should be:

- * lowering our use of plastics
- * recycling all plastics
- * rubbish collection out of our land and waterways
- * reduce solid fuel burn
- * improve waste management systems (organic and inorganic)
- * balancing renewable energy with existing fossil fuel energy
- * change the law to introduce nuclear energy in Australia
- * upgrade and improve public transport systems
- * embrace indigenous land management techniques
- * financial assistance for farmers for land management and tree planting (soil improvement and animal protection)
- * implement water management systems to upgrade waste water - not pump polluted water into rivers and ocean
- * financial assistance to business and manufacturing to improve waste management
- * farming assistance to implement bio-dynamic or organic farming practices which will reduce use of artificial and chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides. This will increase health of animals and humans as well also have economic benefits. This will also reduce water run off from farms into waterways which effect the natural environment.

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Yes

No

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